

**Macon County Board of Commissioners
Courthouse Commissioner's Meeting Room**

Regular Meeting
January 20, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Chairman Carl Oliver
Commissioner Vice-Chairman Bob Melvin
Commissioner A. Richmond Felton
Commissioner Benjamin Haugabook, Sr.
Commissioner Mickey George
Kelvin C. Lewis, County Manager
Roselyn Starling, Deputy County Manager
Satina S. James, Deputy County Clerk
Jon Coogle, County Attorney

Commissioner-Chairman Oliver called the meeting to order. County Manager Lewis gave the invocation.

Chairman Oliver made an announcement to the attendees that were present regarding the road closing. He informed the visitors that there is a process to close a county road. Thus far only a petition has been submitted. However, anyone who wants to speak is welcome to do so. If they desire to speak, they need to sign the sign-in sheet and will have 5 minutes to do so.

Chairman Oliver called for a motion to approve minutes. Commissioner Felton made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022, regular meeting as presented. Commissioner Haugabook seconded the motion and the vote carried unanimously.

Invited Guest: E.P.I.C. Mentoring Program – Jimmy L. Daniels, Jr., M. Ed came before the Board of Commissioners to request permission to conduct or partner with the County in a fishing rodeo at Whitewater Park Pond. Mr. Daniels is looking for a way to introduce the Mentoring group to fishing. Commissioners discussed through questions and answers. They decided that it would be a good idea and requested that County Manager Lewis get together with Mr. Daniels to plan the event. Resubmission to Commissioners to follow.

Committee/Department Reports: None

Consent Agenda: None

Old Business:

1. **Redistricting** – County Manager Lewis gave an overview of the issues the County is facing regarding redistricting. Mr. Johnathan Harris, Chief of Staff of Representative Patty Bentley's office joined the conversation around redistricting by conference call. County Manager Lewis said with the population shift during the 2020 Census the districting maps shifted. The Board of Commissioners met and agreed with a map of redistricting. However, Gina Wright at the Reapportionment Office also developed a redistricting map for the County. The Reapportionment Office is concerned about deviation percentages among the counties. The Board contends that their submitted redistricting map meets the percentage criteria. The Board is requesting the support of Representative Bentley to get their redistricting map approved by the State Legislature. Districting Maps stand for 10 years. Representative Bentley's office has reached out to Reapportionment. Commissioners Chairman Oliver and Vice-Chairman Melvin, County Manager Lewis, a River Valley Representative, Elections Superintendent, and Representative Bentley are scheduled to meet with the Reapportionment Office this week. Until redistricting maps are approved, Counties will be using existing maps.

New Business:

1. Approval of New EMS Billing Company

EMS Director George Joiner reviewed the services and cost of the proposed EMS new billing company MedCorp EMS Billing, LLC. Attorney Coogle has reviewed the Contract and MedCorp has made his recommended adjustments to the contract. After discussion, questions and answers, Chairman Oliver called for a motion. County Manager Lewis recommended the County enter the proposed contract. Commissioner Haugabook made a motion to approve the submitted contract for EMS billing services with MedCorp EMS Billing, LLC. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Melvin. Commissioners voted and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Mary Lynn Robinson represented Carolyn Joiner who owns land attached to West Ferry Road. She said that Carolyn Joiner, herself, and many others do not want this road closed. She spoke of the historic value, the need for the road to be repaired, logger trucks causing road damage and viable options for its use including tourism and walking trails. County Manager Lewis asked citizens to report loggers to the County. The County has measures in place to enforce regulations and ordinance for loggers.

Casesstta Journey asked the Board of Commissioners to approve the Journey Outreach Ministries have a no-cost COVID Testing Drive by provider COVID Solutions at the Preston Williams Center on January 22, 2022. Ms. Journey had committed to the Testing with COVID Solutions prior to her request.

County Manager Lewis said he believed that Macon County has ample PCR Testing Resources that are free to the Citizens. He has a concern for the liability of the County with an unvetted organization providing testing on County premises.

After discussion, Chairman Oliver called for a motion. Vice-Chairman Melvin made a motion to approve Journey Outreach Ministries to have drive thru COVID Testing in the parking lot of the Preston Williams Center on January 22, 2022. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion. Commissioners voted and the motion passed 3 to 2 (Commissioners Melvin, Felton and Oliver Yes. Commissioners Haugabook and George voted No.)

Danny Jones complained that Carl Rogers Road is in bad condition. The County is not maintaining Carl Rogers Road. The road has a washout. Commissioners committed to have the County Manager to look at having the road crew to look at and repair the road.

Executive Session

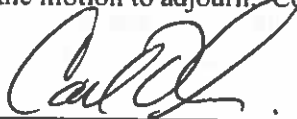
Vice-Chairman Melvin made a motion to Adopt Resolution to move into Executive Session to discuss Legal matters. Commissioner Haugabook seconded the motion. Commissioners voted and the motion carried unanimously.

Re-convened

The regular meeting reconvened with no actions from the Executive Session. Commissioner Felton discussed Assistant Road Superintendent Willie McGhee and his salary. Commissioner Felton then made a motion to raise Willie McGhee's pay by \$1.54 per hour. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Melvin. Commissioners voted and the motion passed 3 to 2 (Commissioners Melvin, Felton and Oliver Yes. Commissioners Haugabook and George voted No.)

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Chairman Oliver called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Haugabook made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion and the vote carried unanimously.



Carl Oliver, Chairman